

**MINUTES OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY
TENANT-LANDLORD COMMISSION**

December 20, 2012

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Conference Room 9
Chair Liff presiding

Attendees: Commissioners, Liff, Gomez, Panettieri,
Geier-Smith, McEneamey, Kocsis, Vogl,

Absentees: Kiffney, McRae

Staff Attending: Michael S. Liberman, Director
Cable and Consumer Services
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief
Consumer Affairs Branch
Vee Johnson, Staff Liaison
Consumer Affairs Branch

The meeting was called to order at 6:39p.m. by Chair Liff.

Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Kocsis to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2012, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Chair Liff shared information about recent new articles relating to housing issues in neighboring jurisdictions.

Director's Report

- Director Liberman updated the Commission regarding the towing ordinance. Based on the information provided, a motion was made by Chair Liff to amend the motion approving the draft changes to Chapters 10 and 82 of the Fairfax County Code relating to the regulation of trespass towing that was adopted at the November 15, 2012, Commission meeting by substituting the draft changes to Chapters 10 and 82 of the Fairfax County Code related to the regulation of trespass towing that is dated January 8, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gomez. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Report

- Commissioner Geier-Smith reviewed and approved both the Consumer Focus program regarding repairs and maintenance, and the public service announcement (PSA) regarding renter's insurance produced by Fairfax County Government Channel16.

Staff Report

- Staff attended the Fair Housing Task Force meeting on December 4, 2012. The Human Rights Commission is seeking to reach all communities within the county to provide information about fair housing laws. Commissioners, who are members of civic, non-profit, or faith-based organizations, were encouraged to contact the Human Rights Commission to get information about outreach opportunities for their neighborhoods. Contact information for the Human Rights Commission was distributed to the Commission.

Commission Matters

- The calendar was reviewed. There were no changes or additions.

Unfinished Business

- The Consumer Focus program will begin airing in January of 2013. A copy of the Channel16 January program guide will be provided to the Commissioners as well as a program DVD.
- Staff will obtain information regarding when the renter's insurance PSA will be placed in rotation on Channel16, and provide a DVD.

New Business

- In accordance with Article IV of the Bylaws, the following slate of candidates was nominated:

Tenant Vice-Chair	Commissioner Panettieri
Landlord Vice-Chair	Commissioner Kocsis
Secretary	Commissioner Geier-Smith

The slate passed unanimously. The election will be conducted at the February meeting.

- The Fairfax County Human Rights Commission and Equal Rights Commission will provide an overview of fair housing testing in the county at the February meeting.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Geier-Smith to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55p.m.